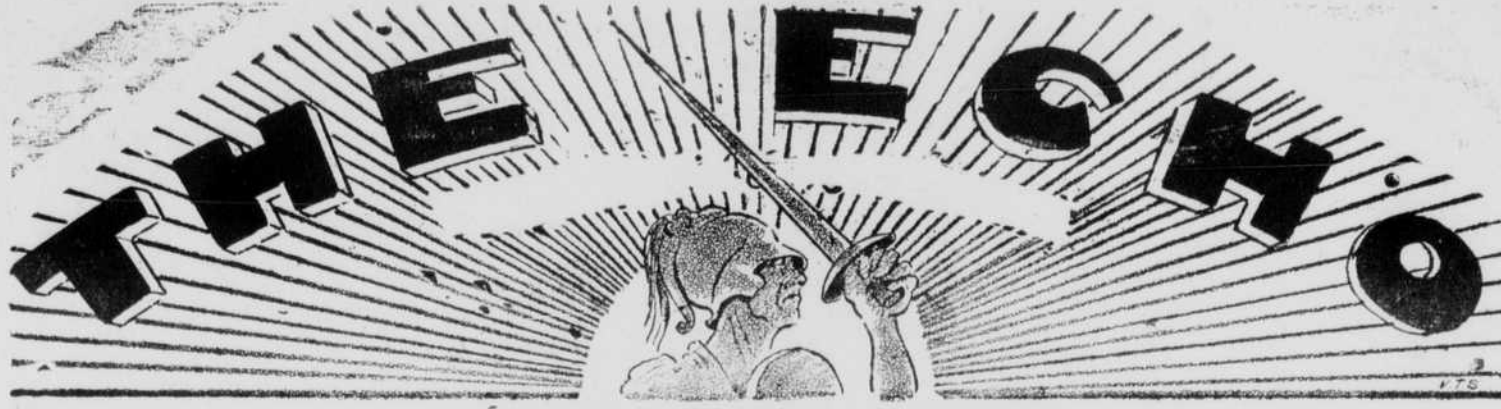


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99TH ALL NEGRO UNIT FLY 500 MISSIONS

99th Celebrates Its Combat Anniversary In Action

Allied Forces Headquarters, Italy, June 5—Exactly one year after they flew their first mission over an air base at Fardjouna, North Africa, pilots of the 99th Fighter Squadron, an all Negro Unit now operating from an Italian base, flew their 500th combat mission June 2, 1944. Now on detached service with a Fighter Group which has been flying in close support of advancing Allied Armies in Italy, in daily dive bombing operations against enemy supply lines, motor transport, rail yards and gun emplacements, the squadron has flown 3,278 sorties during its first year of service.

The Squadron's outstanding success was achieved during the first days of the Anzio Beachhead, when it knocked down eight enemy planes in a single day.

The Squadron scored 16 victories in ten days over Anzio. The 99th pilots have flown 298 missions over Italy, having flown support for the British Eighth Army on the Adriatic coast before their new assignment with the Fifth Army.

Captain Charles Baker Hall, of Brazil, Ind., leading pilot of the squadron, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross. The 99th has lost only 12 pilots during its first year. Five were killed in action, four are missing and three are known to be prisoners of war.

Captain Erwin Baker Lawrence of 2168 East 90th St., Cleveland, Ohio, is in command of the Fighter Squadron during the absence of Major Geo. Spencer Roberts, Squadron Commander, now on leave in the United States.

Camp News

U. S. Army Forces in New Caledonia—Corporal Ollie May, son of Mr. Will May, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 61, Carthage, Miss., has been awarded the "Good Conduct Medal", for over a year of "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity as a soldier of the U. S. Army".

U. S. Army Forces in New Caledonia—Private First Class Henry Poe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poe, Route 5, Box 103, Starkville, Miss., has been awarded the "Good Conduct Medal" for over a year of exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity as a soldier in the U. S. Army.

Poe is a native of Starkville, Miss., and attended Plaze Public School, a rural school in Starkville. Prior to his entrance in the Army he was working on his father's farm.

U. S. Army Forces in New Caledonia—Private Elijah Nicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nicks of Route 2, Box 19, Starkville, Miss., has been awarded the "Good Conduct Medal", for over a year of exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity as a soldier of the U. S. Army.

Walterboro Army Air Field, S. C.—Second Lieutenant Quitman Charles Walker, 24, Negro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Walker, 724 Church St., Indianola, Mississippi, recently arrived here for advanced training as a pilot of fighter-type aircraft.

Last stationed at Selfridge Field, Michigan, Lieutenant Walker is a graduate of the aviation cadet school at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala., where he received his commission January, 1943.

Folk We Know

Miss Evelyn Sharp, formerly connected with the Meridian Branch of the Universal Life Insurance Co., left the city last week for Washington, D. C. Miss Sharp is now serving Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Minnie Collins, wife of Mr. A. L. Collins, has been critically ill, however, she seems to be improving.

Funeral services were held last Sunday for Rev. J. T. Davis, one of our outstanding Baptist ministers of the city. His death was a shock to a large number of friends. Even though he had been in ill health for some time, no one knew the end was so near.

Rev. B. Washington Coates delivered the funeral oration from Union Baptist Church.

President Alex McMillion was in the office last Saturday. Brother McMillion is a progressive farmer in his section. He resides at Rose Hill.

Reverend Earnest Jones of Hickory was in the office on business last week. While here he took out a yearly subscription to the Weekly Echo.

The Vacation Bible School that has been in progress since last week at Rose Hill Methodist Church will close Saturday of this week. The attendance has been excellent.

President Wm. H. Bell of Alcorn A. & M. College, Alcorn, Miss., was a pleasant visitor in the H. B. A. office last week.

IPS NEWSCAST

Dewey Signs Bill To Solve Racial Hatred

ALBANY, N. Y. — Gov. Dewey today signed one of the major bills on his program, creating a commission to recommend proposals to end discrimination because of race, color or creed. It was the last bill introduced at the recent Legislative session.

Under the new law, a commission of 23 members would be set up, 15 appointed by the Governor, and the other eight members by the Legislature. An appropriation of \$25,000 is made for expenses of the commission, which is directed to report to the next Legislature.

Without comment, Dewey vetoed a bill to require the licensing of persons employed in the operation of pari-mutuel machines at the race tracks of the state.

Punches Parole Official, Fined \$50

NEW YORK—Fred Ploen, 38, of 13-18 92d St., Elmhurst, Queens, yesterday was fined \$50 by Magistrate Morris Rothenberg in Washington Heights Court, for punching and reviling John G. Hayes, Negro member of the City Parole Commission, in an Independent Subway train on April 5. Rothenberg denounced Ploen for stirring up race hatred.

Prints Betray 'Duration Cop'

NEW YORK — One of Mayor LaGuardia's temporary policemen—"duration cops," they're called—turned up in Special Sessions yesterday as a radio-stealing ball-jumper from 'way back in '37.

The offender, Robert Montgomery, 34-year-old Negro of 429 E. 102d St., was trapped by the very fingerprints he obligingly supplied when he applied recently—and was accepted—for one of the \$2,000-a-year jobs.

As Robert Shepard, Montgomery was convicted in Special Sessions of stealing a \$25 radio late in 1936. He was released in \$50 bail for sentencing on Feb. 8, 1937, but he never showed up.

Yesterday he got three months in the Workhouse from Justice James E. McDonald.

Montgomery-Beau Jack Series Appears at End

NEW YORK—The possibility of a renewal of the Bob Montgomery-Beau Jack series for the lightweight title appeared dim today as Jack has been ordered to take his pre-induction physical at Fort Benning, Ga. Monday. Montgomery, the champion, passed his physical at Philadelphia yesterday and is waiting to be called. Jack is at his home in Augusta, Ga.

Appoint Negro to \$5,000 State Job

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Mrs. Bertha Diggs, Negro, of Buffalo, N. Y., has been appointed secretary of the New York State Department of Labor at \$5,000 a year. Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi announced yesterday. She succeeds Rose Schneiderman, who recently resigned. Mrs. Diggs is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and of the labor relations council of Buffalo's Urban League.

STORKS VISIT

On June 6th the stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Miller and left a darling baby girl, whom they have named Etta Louise. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Collins announce the birth of a fine baby boy, who made his arrival June 7th. The baby has been named for his daddy, Arthur Lee. Mother and baby are in Anderson's Infirmary.

H. B. A. Paid \$180.00 In Boards

26 CLAIMANTS PAID IN JUNE;

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR EACH

\$180.00

The H. B. A. paid to its claimants in the Boards just closed \$180.00 per death. \$175.00 was paid in the Board and the balance of \$5.00 was mailed out.

It was noted in the Boards that according to the reports made by the various presidents that a large number of our people had left Mississippi. Quite a few of them even though they are gone, retain their membership, while others declared that since they do not plan to come back to Mississippi they would drop their membership.

May we earnestly urge the various presidents to do your best to get those who are leaving to continue to keep their policy in force. We have members in Chicago, Washington, Detroit, St. Louis and many other places who have been gone for ten and fifteen years or more, however, they keep their membership with the H. B. A.

We just recently paid a claimant who lived in Washington and we had another death in the Board of a member who lived in Chicago. We had one who was living in Birmingham and we paid that claim.

Since we cannot tell what the outcome of this great war will be, we would suggest that you be very particular in dropping your policy. Keep it up for it may be that you will find that it will be of a great saving to you.

Had it not been for the great drive we had on for 250 members in the June Boards we could not have paid \$180.00 per death.

If your members move away urge them to keep their membership in force in the H. B. A. Some of them have been in the Association too long to drop this insurance.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

There will be a Great Rally at Pleasant Grove C. M. E. Church, on the Fourth Sunday in June. There will be plenty to eat and enjoyment for all.

The following Churches, pastors, officers and members are cordially invited to attend this Big Church Rally: Newell C. M. E. Chapel, Rev. R. L. Young; Zion Hill, Rev. Mem; Tabernacle M. E. Rev. Wright; St. Paul Baptist Church; St. John Baptist, Fair View, Calvary Hill, St. Peter M. E. Wesley Haven Chapel, St. Elizabeth Methodist, Mt. Horenon Baptist, Shiloh Baptist, Oak Grove C. M. E. Churches.

There will be preaching and singing all day. And dinner will be served free to all.

Joe Brewster, Allen Gaines, Rufus Martin, R. L. Morton, Joe Pringle, officers.

Rev. Jas. Franklin, Pastor.

Representative Of NW TUL

Appearing as a mother of young children whose father is in the armed service overseas, as well as Legislative Representative of the National Women's Trade Union League of America, Mrs. Arthur J. Goldberg today put herself and her organization on record as favoring enactment of the Dawson-Scanlon-LaFollette Bill designed to create a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee.

Before the House Labor Committee, chaired by Congresswoman Mary T. Norton (N. J.), which is now holding hearings on the proposed legislation, Mrs. Goldberg said, in her role as war wife and mother, "If we are to teach fair play and common decency in our schools and playgrounds to provide this country with healthy-minded, stalwart citizens in 1964, then they have to find the same rules of the game in practice that we teach them now. A Permanent FEPC, outlawing once and for all discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin, makes that possible. It is just. It is right. It is essentially American."

On behalf of her organization, Mrs. Goldberg stated that favorable action on the Bill is a sked because (1) "We believe it would help the war effort now as a powerful lift to morale, both at home and abroad; (2) it is essentially American and a part of democratic life; and (3) it provides our young people with a hope and a promise that this legislation is a part of the great current of continued American progress."

Another witness before the House Labor Committee was Harry D. Mitchell, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission. He testified that since the inception of the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee the Commission had worked in close harmony and to good effect to gain the objective of non-discrimination in gov-

ernment employment.

Malcolm Ross, Chairman of the President's Fair Employment Committee, is scheduled to appear before the House Labor Committee tomorrow (Friday, June 9th.)

SHANNON NEWS

On the first Sunday in June the Missionary Women of High's Chapel C. M. E. Church led by Sister Fisher Smith, president; Sister Harriett Booker, secretary, Sister Ninie Lyles, treasurer and others, pulled off a very successful program at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

They had the cooperation of three other societies, which means and proves a better spirit existing among our people as Christians, in spite of denominationalism, St. John and Johnson Chapel M. B. Churches.

After an interesting program was rendered to a packed house, Rev. C. Wise, pastor of St. John M. B. Church preached a soul stirring sermon from the text "Men ought to always pray and faint not." He is an outstanding race man.

Reverend M. Thomas responded to the program. \$18.00 was raised.

V. D. Blue, P. C.

BROOKSVILLE BOARD

In view of the fact we held our last board on Friday, it was too late to get a write-up in that particular paper concerning the board, so here goes.

The Board was held at the C. M. E. Church in the town of Brooksville of which Reverend M. Thomas is pastor and Mr. W. T. Tate was entertaining president.

This section is not as strong numerically as other sections with H. B. A.'s, however, the attendance was very good. The reports made by the attending presidents were mostly round.

Quite a few applications for membership were taken in by the General President and in the number received were the applications of Reverends M. Thomas and V. D. Blue. The spirit of the H. B. A. as exhibited in the previous boards held, was good.

An appetizing dinner was served. Thus closed our last board for the June Quarter.

Rev. Z. D. Brent And St James C. M. E.

REV. Z. D. BRENT AND ST. JAMES AT HATTIESBURG

According to reports from Hattiesburg, Reverend Z. D. Brent with about twenty-five members participating in a financial drive, pulled off the biggest financial effort that the church has witnessed for many, many years.

A reporter states that practically \$340.00 or more was raised by Rev. Brent and his good people.

Reverend Brent was successful in securing Reverend R. L. Young, pastor of Newell Chapel Church, Meridian and former presiding elder of the Meridian District. According to the report from Hattiesburg, Rev. Young made a strong pull for the church

through the persistent efforts of Rev. Brent and his people.

The two sermons preached by Rev. Young were masterpieces. Before leaving Monday morning for Meridian, Reverend Brent and Mrs. S. J. Vann asked Reverend Young to accompany them to the Loan Association where a debt of more than a thousand dollars was owed. In a few minutes they had cut the debt down to approximately seven hundred dollars, which puts them more than twenty-five months ahead on a twelve dollar monthly note.

Reverend Brent and his members now have on an effort to pay the balance before the Conference.